

To the consistory of Calvary PRC:

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Dear brothers,

I write to you again from a troubled home. It is becoming more and more evident that the Protestant Reformed denomination has no desire to maintain the marks of the true church.

As much as it bothers me that the denomination that I was born and raised in no longer promotes the purest manifestation of the gospel, it weighs even heavier on my heart that Calvary PRC now has joined the denomination in its complete disregard for decency and good order. I refer to your uninformed, unrighteous decision as the neighboring consistory of Hull PRC to depose a faithful office bearer. You concurred with Hull to depose Marcus Andringa from the office of deacon. This was nothing less than wicked. I assume since you so readily signed off on this that you will have no problem answering the following questions.

1. How long had Hull PRC patiently labored with the brother?
2. How often did the elders and minister reach out to him and visit him to try and reconcile the issue?
3. You state in the last letter you sent to me that "it is always a terrible, grievous thing to depose an office bearer" is this what you felt when you helped a dysfunctional consistory depose a faithful office bearer?
4. How come you did not meet with the brother alone apart from the consistory of Hull PRC?
5. Did any of you bother to read *The Church Order Commentary* on the suspension of elders and deacons? Particularly where it says "*Almost needless to say, the brother in question should be notified concerning the double consistory meeting to be held regarding his person, and he should have a full right to speak for himself before both consistories.*" pg 326 Marcus didn't deserve this right? Why wasn't there even a period of suspension?
6. The ground that he militated against synod is false. Can an office bearer express disagreement with the broader assemblies in the consistory room?
7. What is the context where this sentence is found in Marcus' letter? "I cannot in good conscience continue to perform my work as deacon in this church."
8. Did Hull PRC produce any evidence of what they had done to reconcile with Marcus?
9. When a man cannot bring his child for baptism due to the deplorable state of his church, is this not a warning to the church? Certainly the church had been tirelessly laboring with Marcus to resolve this, right?
10. Do you believe your decision to depose a 29 year old office bearer, in his second year ever to serve in office, was a good and righteous decision before God? You, the watchmen on the walls, called to feed the flock of Christ, are ready to answer on judgement day for the deposition of a faithful man of God from his office?
11. Did any of you personally reach out to the deposed brother to build him up after the deposition? Did any of Hull's office bearers do so? Or since he was deposed did he not deserve this?
12. When was Calvary first informed of this situation between Marcus and the consistory?

I look forward to your biblically grounded, clear answers, certainly men in your position are well read and had all these answers before you met with Hull and wickedly deposed a man.

I believe you have sinned grievously before God in your hasty actions with regard to this deposition. You entered into a case you knew nothing about. I ask that you publicly admit your sin and pray that God will forgive you and all of us for anything that may have been said or done in sin.

Urgently, for the cause of Christ,

Thomas Andringa